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1998 CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES, BALLOT ACCESS FILING DEADLINES PUBLISHED

WASHINGTON -- A list of 1998 Congressional Primary Dates and candidate filing deadlines for ballot access has been compiled by the Public Records Office of the Federal Election Commission. The charts provided list the primary election dates arranged alphabetically by state and chronologically.

Information for the listing was obtained from data supplied by the state election offices. The dates listed are still subject to change by state legislatures or court challenges. As changes occur, the list will be updated.

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1998 U.S. CONGRESSION. PRIMARY DATES AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS

(Data as of 10/30/97)

Note: Dates subject to change S indicates Senate election / General Election date 11/3/98

| STATE | PRIMARY DATE | RUNOFF DATE | FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS | THIRD/MINOR ¹ PARTY FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION | INDEPENDENT ² FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|---|--|--|
| Alabama | S 6/2 | 6/30 | 4/3 | 7/6 | 7/6 |
| Alaska | S 8/25 | | 6/1 | 6/1 | 6/1 |
| American Samoa | 11/3 | 11/17 | 9/1 | 9/1 | 9/1 |
| Arizona | S 9/8 | | 6/25 | 6/25 | 6/25 |
| Arkansas | S 5/19 | 6/9 | 3/31 | 8/3 | 5/1 |
| California | S 6/2 | | 3/6 | 3/6 | 8/7 |
| Colorado | S 8/11 | | 6/8 | 7/14 | 7/14 |
| Connecticut | S 9/15 ³ | | 8/12 | 8/12 Third 9/9 Minor | 8/12 |
| Delaware | 9/12 | | 7/31 | 9/1 | 9/1 |
| D.C. | 9/15 | | 7/8 | 8/26 | 8/26 |
| Florida | S 9/1 | 10/1 | 5/8 Noon | 7/13 | 7/17 |
| Georgia | S 7/21 | 8/11 | 5/1 | 7/14 Noon | 7/14 Noon |
| Guam | 9/5 | | 7/7 | n/a | 7/7 |
| Hawaii | S 9/19 | | 7/21 | 7/21 | 7/21 |
| Idaho | S 5/26 | | 4/3 | 4/3 | 4/3 |
| Illinois | S 3/17 | | 12/15/97 | 8/3 | 12/15/97 |
| Indiana | S 5/5 ⁴ | | 2/20 Noon | 8/3 Noon | 8/3 Noon |
| Iowa | S 6/2 | | 3/13 | 8/14 | 8/14 |
| Kansas | S 8/4 ⁵ | | 6/10 Noon | 6/10 Noon | 8/3 Noon |
| Kentucky | S 5/26 | | 1/27 | 8/11 | 8/11 |
| Louisiana | S 10/3 | 11/3 | 8/21 | 8/21 | 8/21 |
| Maine | 6/9 | | 3/15 5pm | n/a | 6/1 5pm |
| Maryland | S 9/15 | | 7/6 9pm | 8/3 5pm | 8/3 5pm |
| Massachusetts | 9/15 | | 6/2 | 8/25 | 8/25 |
| Michigan | 8/4 ⁶ | | 5/12 4pm | 8/4 | 7/16 4pm |
| Minnesota | 9/15 | | 7/21 | 7/21 | 7/21 |
| Mississippi | 6/2 | 6/23 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 3/1 |
| Missouri | S 8/4 | | 3/31 5pm | 7/27 5pm | 7/27 5pm |
| Montana | 6/2 | | 3/19 | 3/19 Third 6/1 Minor | 6/1 |
| Nebraska | 5/12 | | 2/15 Incumbents 3/1 All Others | 9/1 | 9/1 |
| Nevada | S 9/1 ⁷ | | 5/18 | 6/26 | 8/17 5pm |
| New Hampshire | S 9/8 | | 6/12 | 9/2 | 9/2 |
| New Jersey | 6/2 | | 4/9 | n/a | 4/9 |
| New Mexico | 6/2 | | 3/25 | 7/14 Minor | 7/14 |
| New York | S 9/15 | | 7/16 | 7/16 | 8/18 |
| North Carolina | S 5/5 | 6/2 | 2/2 | n/a | 6/26 |
| North Dakota | S 6/9 | | 4/10 | 4/10 | 9/4 |
| Ohio | S 5/5 | | 2/19 | n/a | 5/9 |
| Oklahoma | S 8/25 | 9/15 | 7/8 5pm | n/a | 7/8 5pm |
| Oregon | S 5/19 | | 3/10 | 8/25 | 8/25 |
| Pennsylvania | S 5/19 | | 3/10 | 8/3 | 8/3 |
| Puerto Rico | n/a ⁸ | | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Rhode Island | 9/15 | | 6/24 | n/a | 6/24 |
| South Carolina | S 6/9 ⁹ | 6/23 | 3/30 Noon | n/a | 8/1 |
| South Dakota | S 6/2 | 6/16 | 4/7 | n/a | 8/4 |
| Tennessee | 8/6 | | 5/21 Noon | n/a | 5/21 |

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|----------------|----------------------|-------------|---|--|--|
| Texas | 3/10 ¹⁰ | 4/14 | 1/2 | 5/26 | 5/14 |
| Utah | S 6/23 ¹¹ | | 3/17 | 3/17 | 3/17 |
| Vermont | S 9/8 | | 7/20 | 9/17 | 9/17 |
| Virginia | 6/9 ¹² | | 4/10 | 6/9 | 6/9 |
| Virgin Islands | 9/8 | | 8/11 | 8/11 | 8/11 |
| Washington | S 9/15 | | 7/31 | 7/10 | 7/10 |
| West Virginia | 5/12 ¹³ | | 2/7 | 5/11 | 5/11 |
| Wisconsin | S 9/8 | | 7/14 | 7/14 | 7/14 |
| Wyoming | 8/18 | | 6/5 | 8/17 | 8/25 |

NOTES:

- ¹ The column Third/Minor Party Filing Deadline shows the date for the filing of petitions by third/minor party candidates in applicable states. This is a general reference date for use by the public and voters. Candidates and others seeking specific information should contact the states for other deadlines that may need to be met. For example, the petitions may have to be checked by officials prior to this date. A declaration of candidacy may be due before the petitions are due. New parties may have different deadlines.
- ² The column Independent Filing Deadline shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent candidates. This is a general reference date for use by the public and voters. Candidates and others seeking specific information should contact the states for other deadlines that may need to be met. For example, the petitions may have to be checked by officials prior to this date. A declaration of candidacy may be due before the petitions are due.
- ³ Nominating conventions are held by the state parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention for U.S. Senate is tentatively scheduled for July 17, 1998. The Republican convention for U.S. Senate is tentatively scheduled for July 24, 1998. All other convention dates are pending.
- ⁴ The Libertarian Party will nominate by convention to be held on April 18, 1998.
- ⁵ Convention dates for the Libertarian and Reform parties are pending.
- ⁶ The Libertarian convention is scheduled for April 3-5, 1998.
- ⁷ Convention dates for the Independent American, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law and Reform parties are pending.
- ⁸ The election for Resident Commissioner to the U.S. House of Representatives in Puerto Rico is held every four years, coinciding with the Presidential election.
- ⁹ Convention dates for the Libertarian, Natural Law, Patriot, Reform and U.S. Taxpayers parties are pending.
- ¹⁰ The Libertarian Party will nominate by conventions to be held on March 14, 1998, for single and partial county districts, and March 21, 1998, for multi-county districts.
- ¹¹ Nominating conventions are held by the state parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention is May 2, 1998, and the Republican convention is May 9, 1998. Convention dates for the Independent American, Independent, Libertarian and Reform parties are pending.
- ¹² Political parties may choose to nominate candidates by convention rather than by primary. Notification of adoption of a primary must be made to the State Board of Elections in 1998 by a date still to be set.
- ¹³ The Libertarian Party may nominate by convention. Convention date is pending.

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1998 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

(Data as of 10/30/97)

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|
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| Ohio | S 5/5 | |
| Nebraska | 5/12 | |
| West Virginia | 5/12 | |
| Arkansas | S 5/19 | 6/9 |
| Oregon | S 5/19 | |
| Pennsylvania | S 5/19 | |
| Idaho | S 5/26 | |
| Kentucky | S 5/26 | |
| Alabama | S 6/2 | 6/30 |
| California | S 6/2 | |
| Iowa | S 6/2 | |
| Mississippi | 6/2 | 6/23 |
| Montana | 6/2 | |
| New Jersey | 6/2 | |
| New Mexico | 6/2 | |
| South Dakota | S 6/2 | 6/16 |
| Maine | 6/9 | |
| North Dakota | S 6/9 | |
| South Carolina | S 6/9 | 6/23 |
| Virginia | 6/9 | |
| Utah | S 6/23 | |
| Georgia | S 7/21 | 8/11 |
| Kansas | S 8/4 | |
| Michigan | 8/4 | |
| Missouri | S 8/4 | |
| Tennessee | 8/6 | |
| Colorado | S 8/11 | |
| Wyoming | 8/18 | |
| Alaska | S 8/25 | |
| Oklahoma | S 8/25 | 9/15 |
| Florida | S 9/1 | 10/1 |
| Nevada | S 9/1 | |
| Guam | 9/5 | |
| Arizona | S 9/8 | |
| New Hampshire | S 9/8 | |
| Vermont | S 9/8 | |
| Virgin Islands | 9/8 | |
| Wisconsin | S 9/8 | |
| Delaware | 9/12 | |
| Connecticut | S 9/15 | |
| D.C. | 9/15 | |
| Maryland | S 9/15 | |
| Massachusetts | 9/15 | |
| Minnesota | 9/15 | |
| New York | S 9/15 | |
| Rhode Island | 9/15 | |
| Washington | S 9/15 | |
| Hawaii | S 9/19 | |
| Louisiana | S 10/3 | 11/3 |
| American Samoa | 11/3 | 11/17 |

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